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of Correction

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Re: United States Patent for *Method For Using Human Intervertebral Disc Cells*  
Application No. 09/560,288; Filed April 27, 2000  
Patent No. 7,101,545; Issued September 5, 2006  
Our File 038151/195944

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-identified patent, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.322. This request is made in order to correct the mistakes incurred through the fault of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

**In support of the enclosed Certificate of Correction, Applicant submits that only 13 claims were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 1, 2005, yet 15 claims printed in the patent. Applicant would further point to its Amendment filed August 15, 2006, for the addition of the wording to claim 4 (claim 39 in the Amendment). The Amendment is available in the USPTO PAIR system.**

The mistakes appearing in the patent are set forth on the Certificate of Correction enclosed herewith, with an additional copy thereof and a postal card being enclosed in accordance with the present USPTO practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Line 36, after "disc cells;" cancel "and" and insert --combining said cultured intervertebral disc cells with a carrier is selected from the group consisting of alginate, agarose, collagen, and mixtures thereof; and--.

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Lines 32-37, cancel claims 13 and 14 in their entirety.

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